

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: A. MALISON Serial No.: 10/068,887 Filed: February 11, 2002 For: SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING POINT-OF SALE TRANSACTIONS	 Art Unit: 3621 Examiner: SHERR, Cristina O.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 27, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-15, 41-51, 61-68 and 71-72) in the present application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-15, 41-51, 58-68, and 70-72 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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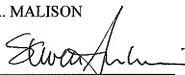
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